

**Meeting Minutes
Indiana Joint Asthma Coalition
March 23, 2006 (2PM – 4PM)**

Attending:

Dr. Leickly
Dr. Hamilton-Byrd
Kristi Rees
Robin Costley
Sally Shewmaker
Marcie Memmer
Pat Daniel
Janet McCabe
Dr. Ganser

Sue Percifield
Wendy Michalski
Katie Holeman-Shipp
Dennis Kamp
Sarah Raymond
Hesam Lahsae
Dan Stephen
Katherine Newland
Joe Marchant

Garrett Hess
Anita Gaillard
Kelly Henderson
Dr. Roseman
Dr. Ritchie
Erin Slavin
Kristin Hobson
Laura Lasky
Sarah Knies

Welcome

- December minutes were approved

Presentations

- Laura Lasky (EPA) – Presented overview of EPA resources for indoor air triggers and air quality concerns with outdoor air.
- Dennis Kamp (Dukes Memorial Hospital) – Presented overview of the hospital's asthma education program.

Workgroup Updates

Data and Surveillance

Speaker: Dr. Roseman

- Would like to have a member available at other workgroups' meeting to help identify data gaps and offer assistance. ISDH to follow-up with Kathy Such to determine a way to relay meeting schedules to all InJAC members.
- Will work with Linda on BRFSS updates.
- Regenstrief Institute now has access to Medicaid data back to July 2002. Would like to do "focused" pieces on the data.

Public Education

Speaker: Kristi Rees.

- Will work on scheduling regular meetings with members.
- Working on putting together a resource guide. The American Lung Association of Indiana is considering doing something similar, but has run into delays.
- Will assess what people need in the community in order to develop resource guide.
- Working on identifying and/or starting new coalitions throughout the state. Activity has been identified in Northwest Indiana and the Evansville area.

Children and Youth

Speaker: Chair and co-chair were not present.

- No updates at this time.

Environmental Quality

Speaker: Janet McCabe.

- Next meeting is schedule for March 29, 10:30AM to 12:30PM.
- Recruiting new members.
- Developing a spreadsheet of the State Plan's objectives and strategies to determine the status of the objectives and strategies.
- Howard Cundiff (ISDH) has been invited to the next meeting to discuss updating the Sanitary Schoolhouse Rule.
- IN Builders Association and IKE are now analyzing results from a survey distributed to builders and remodelers, assessing their knowledge regarding environmental hazards related to asthma in homes and commercial buildings.
- Proposed to InJAC membership that the EQ workgroup or the membership as a whole develop and distribute "position statements" on topics relevant to the groups activities.

Health Care Providers

Speaker: Dr. Ganser

- Met with IU Division of Continuing Education to work on a proposal to do a continuing education training course for health care professionals. ISDH has received the proposal and will send to the workgroup after reviewing.

Other Business

American Lung Association

- The 2006 **Asthma Walk is Saturday, April 29, 2006**, in downtown Indianapolis! Join the InJAC "A-Team" to help raise funds for valuable asthma education programs and research efforts. Go to www.lungin.org and click on the asthma walk logo to register for the event.

Asthma Alliance of Indianapolis

- World Asthma Day Ceremony and health resource fair on **April 29, 2006, from 10a.m. - 2p.m.** at Castleton Square Mall. Free lung screenings will be provided by GlaxoSmithKline.
- By promoting the EPA's *The Smoke-free Home Pledge Campaign*, Marion County has had over 6,800 residents sign and submit the pledge.

Improving Kids Environments

- Awarded an EPA Environmental Education grant for proposal to do education about idling in the Marion County Elementary Schools

ISDH Update

- New Staff: Kristin Hobson = Health Educator and Hesam Lahsae = Epidemiologist.
- Contractors: Kathy Such = Executive Assistant assisting with InJAC activities and Sarah Knies = Environmentalist assisting the EQ workgroup with activities.
- World Asthma Day Activities

- Proclamation to be signed by the Governor
- Article in Indy's Child
- Distributing materials through the *Reach Out and Read* Program
- Developing newsletter
- Hosting NIFS "Staying Active with Chronic Disease" presentation for State employees
- Scheduled asthma Topics for *Sound Medicine* radio talk show
 - Dr. Leickly will be a keynote speaker discussing InJAC, the State Plan, and asthma activities
- Finalizing details of scholarships for AE-C examination with the ALA

Resources Mentioned During the Meeting

Sound Medicine (<http://soundmedicine.iu.edu/index.php4>)

- Produced by the Indiana University School of Medicine and WFYI Public Radio.
- Educates and encourages listeners to make sound health decisions - forum to discuss health issues affecting local communities.
- The hour-long show runs weekends on different Indiana public radio stations. Visit the Web site for a specific schedule.

SmogWatch (www.smogwatch.in.gov)

- Web site designed to provide Hoosiers with an easy-to-read forecast of air quality in their communities. The site provides information about ground-level ozone and particulate matter forecasts for seven regions of Indiana.

Next Meeting

June 8, 2006, 2PM to 4PM at the Indiana State Department of Health, 8th Floor Conference Room.

Meeting Adjourned

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